

CITY DEPARTMENT.

MR. E. D. BARTHOLOMEW of the wholesale and retail china and glassware store in opera block is still in New York laying in a big stock of goods for the fall and winter trade.

LITTA is here.

FALL SUITS made to order at B. Stine's. The festive oyster is on deck in Decatur.

Don't fail to hear the new American queen of song at the opera house to-night. The mammoth WEEKLY REPUBLICAN was issued to-day.

Go to Niedermeyer on the mound for home feed.

Decatur extends a welcome hand to all delegates to the Y. M. C. A. State Convention and all their friends.

STILL LEFT a few of those 50c. and 90c. bed-spreads at the Cheap Store.

You ought to get Arbuckle to put you up one of those beautiful wrought and malleable fences. It is the cheapest fence on earth.

A LARGE number of extra chairs are being placed in the lower part of the opera house to-day for the Litla concert to-night.

A. Booth's celebrated oysters at Barnes Bros., 25 East Main street, Sept. 1st, at 2 p. m.

Mrs. HATTIE BLANTON's gift enterprise drawing will take place at the court house in this city on Monday, Sept. 1st, at 2 p. m.

LABOR lot of Corsets of various qualities are being closed out at very low prices at the Popular New York Store.

At Jacksonville Tuesday night the Shoe Fly Horse Co. of that place appeared in uniform and made a run of 400 yards in 63 seconds.

Five famous "Telephone nickel cigar," is sold only at W. C. Armstrong's drug store.

LADIES will find a dazzling display of the latest millinery novelties at Miss A. Miller's.

FRANKIE's new shoe store is next door to Millikin's bank; one price; goods marked in plain figures; new goods arriving daily; low prices but good goods only.

Go with the Wabash excursionists to Niagara Falls and Toronto next Tuesday noon. Fare for the round trip \$7.50, tickets good to return on the 9th.

FRESH OYSTERS in all styles, at Barnes & Bros., Martin's old stand, 28 East Main street.

ONLY 5 cents is all you have to pay for a quick and safe ride to the depot in the St. Nicholas bus. The carriage calls for passengers in all parts of the city.

Floor SKIRTS, the latest styles, made to order, on short notice, at Goldberg's, West Wood street.

DURING the fair at Quincy, commencing Sept. 10 to 12th the Wabash railway will sell round trip tickets for \$6.10, being half fare.

BRACELETS, in large quantities, plain and fancy nickel-plated and rubber, from 5c. upward.

CALL at J. B. Winebrenner's, on the south side of the city park, for fresh Baltimore oysters, just received, served as you like them, at all hours.

Turn case of the City of Decatur vs. Michael Carroll, arrested on the 26th inst. on a charge of violating the liquor ordinance came up for trial before Justice Pankie this afternoon at one o'clock. By agreement of the attorneys in the case the trial was postponed until Friday morning.

For plumbing on sanitary principles, sewerage, drainage and ventilation, call at H. MUELLER & Co's.

Aug. 27-dtf

At last the deaf shall hear. A Chicago man has invented all instruments for deaf persons are made to hear distinctly. It is called the "Audiphone." The deaf take it between their teeth and immediately they can hear, the sound being conveyed to the surface of the tongue. - *Foris Journal.*

A R. ARBUCKLE, the agent of the Champion Iron Fence Co., is putting up a handsome wrought iron fence for H. Post on South Main street, and an equally handsome veranda railing for J. G. Shea. The Champion is the prettiest, best and cheapest fence ever built in Decatur.

LADIES wishing to have any crocheting done to order will please call on Goldberg on West Wood street, where they can also have any and all the latest styles of hoopskirts made to order.

Aug. 26-dtf

The Champion papers announce that Dr. Gooding, of Decatur, will deliver a lecture on "Champion Science," at the southwest of Champaign, on Friday night of next week. Admission, 25 cents; the proceeds to be used in liquidating a debt on a church in that vicinity.

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The accidental killing of the Frenchman near Blue Mound the other day was a very sad affair. Our experience and the history of the past eighteen centuries incline us to believe that no matter how well you treat a shotgun, no matter how you bring it up, it will bring the stuffing out of you the very first time it gets a chance.

LARGEST STOCK of goods at assortment of picture frames, at the lowest prices in city, at J. M. STROCKEY & Co's.

Aug. 22-d&wtf

Y. M. C. A. State Convention.
The seventh annual convention of the Y. M. C. A. of Illinois will be held in the basement of the First M. E. Church during the next three days. The convention will convene at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon, when an organization will be effected by the election of officers for the ensuing year. To-night there will be an evening of song, conducted by R. B. Thain, of Chicago, to which the public generally is cordially invited.

The following delegates to the convention had reported in person at Secretary Davis' office up to 12 o'clock to-day:

E. D. Ingersoll, Cleveland, O.
R. B. Thain, Chicago.
E. M. Taylor, Mason City.
D. G. Smith, Rockford.
Edwin Wilson, Springfield.
Herman Wiley, " "
W. F. Blackford, " "
G. D. Kalb, " "
L. Matheny, " "
T. J. Shannon, Mt. Carmel.
J. M. Colley, Streator.
J. Cleveland, Jacksonville.
R. D. Russell, " "
J. S. Wadsworth, " "
Prof. G. W. Bailey, of the Ill. College, Jacksonville.
Mrs. Newell, Paris.
Miss Emma Newell, do.
Mrs. Peabody, do.
A. S. McCord, " "

It is expected that over 100 delegates will be present to-morrow and Saturday. The celebrated "Carmen Family," of Champaign, will arrive here this afternoon and be present at the meeting this evening.

THE DARK MESSENGER.
Death of One of the Wealthiest and Oldest Citizens of Marion Township.

Last evening we received a note from Mr. John S. Sargent announcing that William R. Walters died at his residence near Marion at 4 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon, August 27. The deceased had been ill for a long time with asthma, but died of phlegmonic erysipelas. He was one of the oldest residents of Marion township, settling at that place soon after the Illinois Central railroad was built through this county, 18 or 20 years ago. He owned at the time of his death about 615 acres of finely improved farming land, and is thought to have possessed property worth \$50,000. He was born in Ohio about 1819, has been married twice, and leaves a wife and four or five children. Mr. Walters was a social person, and was the best friend of all who gained his confidence. The time of the funeral has not yet been announced.

A Farewell Party.
The magnificent country residence of Mr. Eli Ulery, of Mt. Zion township, was a blaze of light, and the scene of very much genuine hospitality, fun and pleasure, last night. It was the occasion of a farewell social party, given in honor of Miss Gertrude Ulery, who in September will leave for Monticello Seminary, at Godfrey, Illinois, where she will resume her studies. Terphilochorean pleasures were the principal feature of the evening.

Prof. Leonard's new Italian band furnished the music. The following is a list of the guests furnished by our special reporter: Misses Alice Tyler, Nellie Large, Mary Strohm, Fannie, Nannie, Annie and Maria Smith, Hattie Hardy, Annie Starnper, Sophie Hallock, Ella Blacklock and Kettie Blacklock, Messrs. Wash. Smith, W. Smith, B. Blacklock, D. Blacklock, Benjamin Smith, M. Morrison, P. Brueck, Bert Hardy, Charles Tyler, J. W. Baker, Chas. Adams, Chas. Musser, Ed. Goode, George Strohm and Chas. M. Fletcher.

The Peoria Fair.
Mr. L. B. Greenleaf, a stirring gentleman from the central city, anchored in the Republican office this morning, with a huge bundle of advertising bills under his arm. He is here in the interest of the Peoria fair, which commences Sept. 28, and ends on the 27th. The celebrated trotters Rarus and Hopful, the fastest pacers, Sleepy Tom and Mattie Hunter, and many other noted horses have been secured and will be present. In addition to these attractions, there will be a grand exhibition of Edison's Electric Light, a novelty running race, and a balloon ascension. In stock \$5,000 are offered, and \$11,450 in the speed ring. In the language of Mr. G. it will be the "biggest fair boom" in the state.

Peoria School.
The first term of Mrs. Gage's Private School for Girls will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1879, at No. 6 North Water street, up stairs, over Jennison's jewelry store. Terms—\$10.00 and \$12.50 per quarter of ten weeks.

For further information concerning the school, Mrs. Gage can be consulted at the residence of Mr. Dustman, West Main street.

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You See Them.—Before buying a cooking stove, go to Ashby & Andrews and see their renowned "Early Breakfast," also the "Astral" hard coal base burner.

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A young black and tan terrier dog, wearing a brass collar. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to this office.

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Two for a Quarter all Around.
We have bunched all those dark, solid colored and striped 15 and 20 cent hose, and are offering them at two pairs for a quarter. These are the best bargains in hose ever offered in Decatur. We continue the sale of those 5c. white and 10c. fancy ladies' misses' and children's hose. Altogether these goods cannot be duplicated anywhere at the prices named.

Aug. 26-dtf

CHAMP STORE

THE NEW FILTER.

An Important Work Nearing Completion.

The people of Decatur are probably not aware of the magnitude and importance of the improvements now in course of completion at the city water works. Most people (especially those who use city water) know that the supply of this useful liquid has of late been somewhat uncertain, but few are aware of the expense and labor necessary to correct the difficulty. The old filter, put in five years ago, is 100 feet in length, and yields a limited supply of pure, clear water, but the increase in the number of water takers during the past year or two has been so great that the supply afforded by this means has been easily exhausted, and the only way to keep up with the demands of the city for a sufficient amount of good, clear water, was to enlarge the filter. The city council, therefore, decided to increase the filter to five times its present size and capacity, and the work was immediately let to the lowest bidder, Messrs. Tuttle & Bramble securing the job.

The new filter is a continuation of the old one, connecting with it on the east and extending 500 feet. At the east end is a cross excavation 100 feet in length, making the new filter bear the shape of the letter T. The filter is nothing more than a huge well, into which the water flows from the surrounding sand and gravel beds. The walls of the filter are formed of heavy oak timbers, belted together with iron rods, and extending to the height of the water. From the top of the timber walls a brick arch is sprung, the brick being laid in cement, and the whole work, when completed, covered with earth. As might naturally be supposed, the job of keeping the water out of the pit while the work is going on, is no slight task. To do this a centrifugal pump, operated by steam, is used, and the way it throws water is wonderful to behold. The brick used in the arch have a history. They were burned in Decatur twenty-five years ago, under the personal supervision of H. B. Plant, the engineer of the C. & N. R., and were used in the pier of the bridge over the Sangamon river. When the bridge was rebuilt this summer the brick piers were replaced with stone, and the old material purchased by the filter contractors. The brick are of an excellent quality, and well-fitted for the purpose.

The work of excavating will be finished to-day or to-morrow, and the remainder will soon be done. The whole work has been done under the eye of one of the contractors, Mr. W. L. Bramble, who never leaves the ground during working hours. To his mastery skill in pushing work is due the fact that the contract will be completed in about half the time contemplated. He understands so well how to handle men, and how to divide work, that he is able to accomplish in a given time much more than any inexperienced man could possibly do. But the speed with which the work has been pushed has not in the least interfered with its quality. From all that can be seen the job will be well and substantially done, and when it is completed the city will have an abundant supply of pure, clear water for all purposes. About 40 men and 15 teams are employed on the work, and it is well worth a trip to the river to see the way in which the job is being done.

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THE FASHIONABLE EVENT.

Miss Litla, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Von Eisner, her sister, Miss Jessie and Prof. Beuter, arrived in the city this morning from Danville, and will appear at the opera house this evening before a large and fashionable audience in one grand concert, assisted by the best local talent of Decatur. This will be the opening event of the season, and to Mr. Frank Haines and the people of this community indebted for the enviable privilege of hearing the queen of song in a series of her very best selections. As stated elsewhere, Litla will join the Strakosch grand opera company in the fall, and this will be the last opportunity the public will have to hear her, as she will sing only in the large cities when she leaves for the East. To-night, let it be remembered, Litla will appear in her great specialty, the "Mad Scene," from the opera of Lucia di Lammermoor, in which she made her reputation as a leading singer in Europe and America. In this connection it is proper to state that Litla will have the honor of opening Smith's new opera house, which has been repaired and redecorated within the past few weeks, and presents a bright and tasteful appearance. The ceiling, in its bright tints, colored borders, and elegant wreaths and portraits, is a marvel of the painter's art, and is as beautiful as it is attractive. The fresco work is done in excellent taste, and the wood work has been repainted, grained and polished very handsomely. Everything about the hall is clean and neat, and all present this evening, we will venture to predict, will pronounce it charmingly beautiful. Those who have not yet secured their tickets for the concert should do so before the doors open, as the rush will be great. There still remains a large number of seats on sale at Abbott's jewelry store, where gallery tickets may be purchased also.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Capt. W. P. Emery, of Springfield, was among the callers at the REPUBLICAN office to-day.

Prof. A. Beuter, of Bloomington, accompanied by Miss Litla, dropped in on us to-day, and gave us a few minutes' chat.

Miss H. Davidson, who taught in the second ward school building last year, arrived here to-day from Kentucky, where she has been spending the summer.

Mrs. Mary E. Henderson, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Roach for several weeks, will leave for Bowling Green, Mo., this afternoon.

Miss Jessie Gillett, of Elkhart, and Miss Belle Ewing arrived in the city at noon from Springfield, where they have been on a protracted visit to friends. Miss Gillett will remain in Decatur a short time as the guest of her friend, Miss Ewing.

Frank Haines has made a contract with Miss Litla to sing at the following named places under his management: Danville, Aug. 27, Decatur, 28; Champaign, 29; Jacksonville, 30; Quincy, Sept. 1; Peoria, Sept. 2. On Sept. 10th, Litla will open the new opera house at Springfield.

Among the latest arrivals at the St. Nicholas are the following: Miss Marie Litla, Mrs. Von Eisner, Miss Jessie Von Eisner and Prof. Beuter, Bloomington, M. Chase, St. Louis; C. M. Fay, Pittsburg, and Wm. P. Emery, Springfield.

Since his return last Monday from western Missouri, Mr. Charles Tuttle has completed his railroad contracts in Missouri very satisfactorily, and is now waiting for other roads to conquer. Frank Tuttle is home for the fall and winter campaign.

Miss Eva Pratt, of Connecticut, who has been here for several months, took her departure for Prairie City, Iowa, on the early train this morning. Last evening in honor of her departure, her cousins, Misses Nettie, Nellie and Ada Pratt, gave a jolly farewell party, which outshone anything of the kind ever undertaken on Church street. A large number of Miss Pratt's friends remained at Mr. Pratt's residence all night, and accompanied her to the train which reached the city at 4 o'clock this morning.

During Miss Von Eisner's stay at Toledo last week she met Prof. Underaker and Mr. A. B. ... with them completed some business arrangements. She will sing in Cleveland on concert on or about Sept. 16, under the management of Prof. Underaker, and also immediately thereafter at Erie, Buffalo and Rochester, where she will go directly to New York for opera rehearsals with the Strakosch grand opera company.

In this connection we can state authoritatively that she is having no difficulties in any of her business relations with Prof. Underaker. - *Photograph.*

Wanted.
A permanent home for two healthy children, a boy and a girl, twins, aged about two years. For further particulars inquire at this office.

For the Ladies.—I am daily receiving new and elegant styles in spring and summer millinery. Call and see me, old friends and new. M. PATTERSON, 18 Merchants street, up stairs.

Apr. 12-dtf

Mrs. Grindol, at her boarding house No. 4 West Main street, can furnish boarding and rooms by the day or week for a few more boarders, fare good, and price very reasonable.

March 5-dtf

FRESH FRUIT for sale at Linn & Scruggs.

[Nov 23-dtf]

Since the composition of one of the most popular proprietary medicines we speak of Dr. F. Wilhoit's Anti-Periodic or Fever and Ague Tonic has been published and accompanies every bottle, the sales of this greatest specific for the cure of Chills and Fever, Dumb Chills and hypochondriacal spleen have doubled, and the leading physicians prescribe it in their practice when the usual remedies fail. All druggists sell it.

Aug. 15-d&wtf

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Called Meeting—The Resignation of Prof. D. P. May Accepted.

OFFICE BOARD OF EDUCATION, DECATUR, ILL., AUG. 26, 1879.
Present, Messrs. Durfee, Ulrich, Barnes and Clerk.

The following communication was read: DECATUR, ILL., Aug. 26, 1879.

Gentlemen of the Board of Education, Decatur, Illinois:
I wish hereby to lay before you my resignation of the position given me by yourselves in the high school. Since my last visit here another situation has been offered me without my seeking, and on account of the better salary and better facilities for following my chosen line of work, as well as from considerations of duty, I should like to be free to accept the offer. With this explanation I lay the case before you for your consideration. Whatever the decision, allow me to express my thanks for your courtesy thus far shown me.

Yours truly, O. P. MAY.

After considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted: Resolved, That the resignation of O. P. May be accepted.

Supt. was directed to have new fences built at the 3rd and 4th ward.

On motion, adjourned.

H. B. DUNFEE, Pres't.

E. A. GASTMAN, Clerk.

The last excursion of the season. The last grand pleasure excursion of the season will leave Decatur over the Wabash, for Niagara Falls, Toronto, Canada, and Port in Bay, on Tuesday, Sept. 2. Fare for the round trip, \$7.50; tickets good for a week, returning Tuesday, Sept. 9th. This is no "basket-pickle" affair, but one of the cheapest and best arranged pleasure trips on the continent, under the management of the Wabash Company. The party will have 36 hours in Toronto and three days at the Falls, which will be illuminated each night by Edison's electric light. Tickets will be on sale at the Wabash office at the depot three days in advance. This is a splendid opportunity for the farmers and all who wish to spend a week at the great American summer resorts at a very small expense.

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DOUGHNUTS.
If you desire doughnuts that are the nicest and richest you ever ate, make them from Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder, according to the directions on the can. Such doughnuts, with a cup of coffee, and a light Cream Baking Powder biscuit, would cause a delightful surprise to the uninitiated.

Forsth.

Some of the best improved farms in Macon county are located in the vicinity of Forsyth, and if there is a section of this county that can boast of finer crops than other portions, it is probable that Hickory township can rightfully do so, as this locality was favored with several rains when other parts of the county were not so fortunate. Forsyth is one of the oldest towns in the county, laid out some twenty years ago by Mr. George Muller, who is at this time on a visit to his old friends and neighbors. Among the business men of Forsyth is Mr. A. G. Benton, who is well and favorably known to the citizens of Hickory and Macon, as well as to many of the people of Decatur. Mr. Benton's store consists of a well selected stock of groceries and general merchandise. The grain buyers of Forsyth are Messrs. Charles Kuhl and H. C. Mowry, who are doing good business in their line. Mr. D. Plank, who for a long time resided in Decatur, lives in Forsyth, engaged in the blacksmithing business. Mr. Plank is the reputation of being a first-class mechanic, and is doing a good business.

Positively this is the last week at Wessels' shoe store for bargains. Call at once.

Aug. 26-dtf

Blenz & Danzeisen, Butchers
on the northeast corner of the Old State and West Main street, desire to state to their friends and the public generally, that they always have on hand a complete assortment of fresh and cured meats, and that they will not be undersold by any market in the city. Call and see them.

Aug. 22-dtf

W. C. F. L.
The Women's Christian Temperance Union meets every Thursday at 7 p. m.

Wessels' is the place to buy shoes, as he is coming out his stock at great prices.

Ladies' night dresses, corsets, etc., at very low prices.

June 27-d&wtf

THE MUSICAL EVENT!

SMITH'S OPERA HOUSE.

THURSDAY EVE, AUG. 28

Only Appearance of the Renowned Prima Donna.

Mlle. Marie LITTA!

Strakosch Grand Italian Opera Co.

Grand Concert!

Accompanied by

PROF. A. BEUTER

And assisted by

Messrs. GEORGE F. WESSELS and D. L. BURN, and MISS NETTIE HOLLERS and NELLIE DUSTMAN

Admission, 50 and 75 cents. Box seats, \$1.00. On duty at Abbott's jewelry store.

Doors open at 7:15. Concert commences at 8:15. Carriages may be ordered at 7 o'clock.

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THE BEST GOODS AT THE LOWEST PRICES.

THEY NOW OFFER Dress Goods, Bleached and Brown Muslins, LADIES' SUITS, Parasols, Ribbons, Calicoes, Gingham, Tickings, Linens, Embroideries, GLOVES, CORSETS, Men's White Shirts and Ladies' Muslin Underwear, Oil Cloths, Window Shades, Lace Curtains and

CARPETS,

At prices that must command the attention of every intelligent buyer who proposes to get the best and most goods for the least money.

Old Dominion Buck Cloves reduced to \$7.25 per pair.

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